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1. Since mid-May 1952 approximately 200 workers, including political prisoners, have been working on the lower part of the northern slope of Svábhegy in Budapest-Zugliget on Virányos ut, on the foundations of an installation. The work is being carried out in three 8-hour shifts.
2. Originally, the workers thought that an underground factory was being built. Now they are fairly unanimous in their opinion that this is a launching site for rocket projectiles. Next to the foundation, concrete constructions have been completed which remind one of air raid shelters. The excavation is in the shape of an equilateral triangle, each side of which is 600 m. long. At each corner, there is what is believed to be a "launching site"; these are concreted excavations 60 m. deep, at the bottom of which the launching mechanisms are to be installed.

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